

R. NOAH MORRIS: How are you all doing? Folks call me Noah. I came from so-called North Carolina, occupied (Inaudible) territory. I would first implore the BLM to respect Article VI of the U.S. Constitution and honor the treaties with native nations where much of this land and this coal is being leased unlawfully by our own constitutional law. Furthermore, I would encourage the BLM and federal government to suspend all further leases on federal land for not just coal, but all energy fossil fuel extract. I would furthermore encourage the BLM to not simply be a -- not simply challenge or review this policy, but strip these leases from companies that are actively negligent. If Peabody Coal wants to claim bankruptcy, they should no longer be leasing our land. This is not a matter of jobs. The jobs are long gone in the coal industry, and, you know, we -- I was a first responder in New Orleans for Hurricane Katrina. And that is where we are going to see a lot. We have seen it in New York City. We are going to see it more in places. Half of Canada is on fire right now because of these sorts of policies that you all continue to act upon. We need to stop all extraction of fossil fuels, not just coal. And we need to work on a just transition into jobs that will worship the land that gives us life as it is accorded. We need to think about these children here. These policies we are making today, talking to companies who have interest in the next twenty years, thirty years, until they hit their retirement and cash in their million dollar bonus, they are going to leave these children's future -- they're screwed. If we don't have water, if we don't have clean water and clean land to use, where are going to go? What is going to happen with our nation's climate refugees if we are destroying the places where water is produced in this land? This county has a historic crime that it needs to come to accords with. The crimes of genocide and slavery that marked this land are continued to be perpetrated through the continued exploitation of stolen land and through the continued use of the profits that were made off those stolen bodies from Africa. So, I implore the BLM and the federal government to get right. You have the children to think of, and the children will be the ones sitting in trial over you all for the decisions you make today and in the future. Thank you very much.